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Countrey-Tom. *Canberry Beſſe.*

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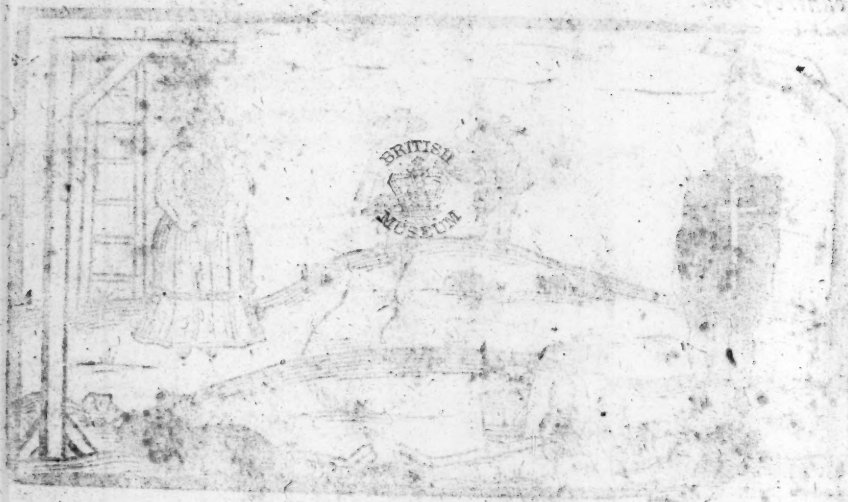

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The Preface.

I *Have reſumed my Pen which I reſolved in this Nature for ever to be ſilent: But the Common good, and preſervation of my Countries welfare, incites me unto this officious ſervice. As one that ſtandeth Centinell in the Night unto whom Fidelity and Truſt is repoſed, and the ſafety of the whole* Army *dependeth: (Even ſo am I) to diſcover the private and ſuddaine approaching of the Enemies. Like a Watchman to obſerve all commers in and out, into the Gates of the City, to unvaile pernicious paſſengers, which dayes and nights unceſſantly paſſe through the Streets, and in the ſecret corners of the ſame privily lurke, and watch an opportunity to* cozen, rob, *and* murther. *I preſume not to inſtruct the* prudent *and* wiſe, *that were abſurde and ridiculous: But the Level of my intention is to make the vulgar* Ignorants *ſo wiſe, as to walke warily and circumſpectly; which plaine path they may knowingly ſee, and diſcerne by this ſequent diſcovery of ſuch notorious offenders, that live upon the ſpoyles of ſuch* Paſſengers, *and* Travellers *reſorting up unto* London *upon their neceſſary affaires. A new kind of invented wickedneſſe, and fearefull miſchiefe, but I hope by Gods mercy, and the late exemplary Juſtice, ſtrangled in the birth, is the Narration of* Country Tom, *and* Beſſe *of* Canberry, *ſo termed by thoſe of their baſe diſpoſition. A woman, Oh ſhame unto her modeſt tender Sexe! to become a ſetter, or ſet on ſuch a brazen face, that upon a man unknowne unto her, ſhee ſeazeth in the open Streets, and with her deceitfull ſmiles, and ſalutes, ſo inchants, and incaptivates, and leads him unto* ſlaughter. *Like a decoy Ducke, ſhee is alone going abroad, but not alone returning, aſſociated with multitudes homeward: The bargaine ſhee ſtrikes up, and goeth before, to a ſecret appointed place, upon whom unawares, to the ſeduced perſon, attendeth a mercileſſe ſtrong* Theefe, ~~*and moſt barbarous cruell*~~ Murtherer, *that at once ſtrikes and ſlayes: of whoſe cunning practices, ſecret ſnares, and ſubtil wiles I labour to give all people a light and true inſight; God* Almighty *give it a bleſſing unto his good pleaſure and thy benefit, unto whom I am thy true profeſſed friend during the time of my mortality.*

H. G.

Certaine pregnant inducements, out of the Holy Scripture against murder and Man-slaughter.

THe first is, the direct words of Gods Commandements, thou shalt not kill. Exod. 20.

WHo so sheddeth mans blood, by man shall his blood be shed. For in the image of God hath hee made Man. Gen. 9. 6.

HE also that killeth any Man, he shall surely bee put to Death. Leviticus 24. 17

YEE are of your Father the Divell, and the lusts of your father you will doe: He hath been a Murderer from the beginning, &c. Ioh. 8

IF any kill with the sword, hee must bee killed by the sword: Here is the patience and the faith of the Saints.

And therefore,

LEt all bitternesse, and anger, wrath, and evill speaking be put away from you, with all maliciousnesse.

A True

THE EXAMINATION AND Confeſſion of *Thomas Sherwood*, and *Elizabeth Evans*.

BEFORE I enter into the liſtes of the enſuing Relation, there are of theſe two moſt miſerable Catifes, remarkeable Obſervations in their ſeverall lives: (lives did I ſay?) to ſay ſo I doe groſly miſtake; for although they were living, yet then dead they were in moſt foule and abhominable ſins, and clamorous crimes, that ſent hot purſuit after them at all times, and in all places without intermiſſion, to ſweepe them from off the face of the earth.

The Obſervations.

Note. 1. Firſt, what a viperous brood of Sinnes were ingendred, conceived, and brought forth by theſe Monſters Male and Female: what a Chaine of ſins is heere linked, and twiſted one to each other.

2. Secondly, the Stygmaticall marke that *Heaven* did ſet upon them both in their two ſeverall names.

1. Firſt, Idleneſſe the indulgent Mother, cannot ſhe is ſo indigent of her ſelfe, be able to give bread, or cloathing to her pampered and poyſoned little ones in youth with Sloth, but like a curſt Step-mother ſends them out of doores, to ſeeke bread in deſolate places.

The Originall of all vices. 2. Secondly, Sloth or Idleneſſe ſcornes to worke, eſpecially with the hands, for that is not gentilelike: yet worke they ſee they muſt for neceſſities ſake, & and a maſter they have at hand, (the Devill) that ſafely as they ſuppoſe, ſetteth them on worke.

3. Thirdly, from Sloth ſpringeth forbidden Theft.

4. Fourth

4. Fourthly, frō Theft ſpringeth beaſtly Luſt.
5. Fiftly, from filthy Luſt they lanch out into the deepe, to Blood-ſhed and Murder.
6. Finally, thus by degrees they finiſh their deſtruction, and the full Cup of Gods heavy wrath and diſpleaſure, forcibly they drinke up.

2. *Obſervation.*

On both their Names, behold what a Brand is ſet on them by *Heaven*: high ſcorne and deriſion, periſhing before they periſhed, forgotten before they were dead: For by the Names of *Countrey-Tom*, and *Canberry-Beſſe*, they were knowne unto the World: The honeſt Stocke, and Parents from which they deſcended, forgetting, and denying. *Scripture* ſaith, *The memorial of the wicked ſhal periſh: Let him be wiped out of the Booke of Remembrance, and that, becauſe his minde was not to doe good.* Thus with them.

No feare
No thought
No care
No love
} of God.

And therefore for them,
No memory,
No loſſe,
No place of Buriall,
No mourning, to ſay, Alas my Brother, or alas my Siſter.

The narration of the manner of the course of their lives.

AS they confessed, their Names were *Thomas Sherwood*, and *Elizabeth Evans*, the one borne in *Stafford-shire*, there brought up by his Parents, a laborious Husbandman: The other borne in *Shropshire*, of a very good parentage descended, who carefully for her good education, and future preferment, sent her up unto *London*, to some friends, who setled her in a good service, as shee confessed at her Death: But unfortunately it happened, that shee grew acquainted with a young man in *London*, who tempted her unto folly, and by that ungodly act her suddain ruine insued.

By reason of such her folly, her Friends failed, and frowned on her: Oh unnaturall blemish! thus to forsake, cast off, and forget their owne deare flesh, all meanes of livelyhood failing, her left thus destitute, and out of all, credit, friends, money, apparrell, and service: A base loose course of life shee resolves on, and therein as shee freely confessed, continued the space of 4. yeares, untill at last shee unhappily happened to get into familiarity and acquaintance with this *Countrey-Tom*, otherwise *Thomas Sherwood*; with whom she constantly accompanied day and

and night for the terme of a yeare, or there abouts. And having obtained such a mate fit for his owne humour and inclination, secretly these two combin'd, resolv'd, and put in practice their new invented mysterie of Iniquity, as followeth.

Whensoever they went forth out of their Lodgings, they severed not themselves, but kept within sight one of another alwayes, both hunting for one prey; and frequenting and watching such places, and houses, for persons fitted for their occasion, and to make use of.

The places they resorted unto,
1 To Play-houses.
2 To Tavernes.
3 To Innes.
4 To Ale-houses.
5 To the open Streetes.
6 To the Fields.

If by chance they did meete with one that had beene that day too busie with the Pot, such an one was fish for their Net: then the brazen-face Strumpet presently claimes acquaintance, that she knew him of long time, whose face she never saw before; and so farther into familiar discourse, and complements they proceed, that further courtesies are desired, and promised in some secret place, to passe betweene them. This new guest, and

acquaintance thus taken up in the way by her, away she hastens with her prize, and carries him unto the Chambers of death: As witnesse the Murthering by such her slights, these Gentlemen of great Note, and good quality, Eminent in place and substance, Master *Rowland Holt* a Merchant, and Cittizen of *London*, whom they murthered in *Clarkenwell* fields, in *Ianuary* last past: Likewise Master *Thomas Claxton* Gentleman, a Lieutenant, in *Grayes Inne-fields*, the first of this instant *April*, 1635. Also to another Gentleman, whom they robbed of his Cloake and Hat, by name Master *Michael Lowe*, at the pitch of the Hill going downe to *Hockley Hole* in *Clarkenwell* Parish, at which place they gave him his Deaths wound, and had not ayde upon his out-cry hastily come upon them, they had without doubt slaine him; but within one quarter of a yeare afterwards Master *Michael Lowe* dyed of the same wound in his Head then by *Countrey Tom*, so forcibly strooke, that Master *Low* did then very narrowly escape bleeding to death.

The free Confession of Thomas Sherwood, after the time of his apprehending.

TWo Moneths, and two Weekes were compleatly expired, before it could bee knowne

knowne what barbarous hand had acted that acinorous Fact on the body of Maſter *Rowland Holt* found dead, and with blowes very much bruiſed.

This Hound of Hell, that did this cruell murther, fleſht thus, greedily ſeeketh for more *Mans* fleſh, and thirſteth afreſh after more blood. He thought, that in that little ſpace *God*, and the *People* had forgotten Mr. *Holts* blood, as himſelfe had; who ſecurely againe ſtarts out, and he with his conſtant miſchievous Companion, to their damnable former reſolutions in all Impieties, putteth on the habit, that now to kill a man, (tuſh) it is not worth the talking of, or taking of notice as ſo it may be conjectured of them; who in ſo ſhort a ſpace, to the firſt murder added the ſecond, the places both of them being with in the ſight of each other, which might deterre them from ſuch their unnatural and ungodly intention and determination, from the ſhedding of more innocent blood.

Upon *Wedneſday* at Night, in *Eaſter* weeke laſt paſt, 1635. about the houre of *Nine*, theſe two inhumane Creatures did meete about the Kings Gate which is by *Blomesberry*, a proper coſtly apparrelled Gentleman, Maſter *Thomas Claxton*, a Souldier, and Lieutenant, who that day and time that this Monſter of her Sexe interchanged diſcourſe, and

The form of his weapon which lay secretly in his breeches.

with familiar complements (oh lamentable to speake) had drunke to much, as these two vild wretches confessed.

Words past betwixt Master *Claxton* and that Harlot *Besse* of *Canberry*, together those two goe, but who followed them both, the poore Gentleman was altogether ignorant, and little suspected: After them both *Countrey Tom* hasteneth, with a short Trunchin, or Bastinado under his cloake, and findes companying together his Harlot with Master *Claxton*, whom she had treacherously trayned into *Grayes Inne* fields, a stones cast wide from the High-way, where what they did, I so charitably am opinionated of the deceased Gentleman, that to their slanderous calumniations, and traducings concerning him, I give not the least credence. For those to beleeve, whose hands were so foully stained with blood, their breath unworthy to blast the good name, or brand the good that the world conceived of the reputation of such a Gentleman as Mr. *Claxton* was. Inhumanely with a short Trunchin of Iron which *Sherwood* carried under his cloake by his bloody polluted hands, with this weapon he instantly deprived master *Claxton* of life, and after that done, they both fell to rifling the pockets, and uncivilly strip, (all humanity laying a side) the body bare and naked, and in that manner

manner left it, and so fled away.

When he had recollected his distracted thoughts and throbbing hard heart, within two houres after, (as he sayd) hee return'd unto the place, to behold that sad spectacle of master *Claxtons* slaughtered body, who (as he said) was not slaine out-right, for he heard him sleepe and snore, and that he had turned himselfe on his Belly after he left him; and had not the winde taken his wounds, he might very well have beene recovered unto health. But perceiving life was extinct in him, flight is become the chiefest comfort, and refuge: Shee flyeth to her old acquainted lodging, at St. *Giles* in the fields, and he taketh his course another way.

The Morning ensuing, betimes hee dispatcheth a speedy messenger unto his Copartner in mischiefe, appointing his matchlesse Mate to meete with him forthwith in *Moore-fields*, which according unto his appointment, she did at the place, and time by him prefixed. And observe how thither hee commeth with his understanding so infatuated by the irefull Judge of *Heaven*, that with the apparrell he commeth on his backe that morning, of the Gentlemans whom he slew the Night before, and waite was layd for such fashioned apparrell, which he wore, and profered to sell in *Houndsditch* so inconsiderately, suddainly was apprehended. Preparation he was making to travell downe into the Country: For he bought a new Peticoate for her that dearely earned it; and he profered unto Sale the Apparrell which hee never bought, nor paid for; to put himselfe into money likewise, to beare both their charges for their intended journey.

But as *Equity* and *Justice* commanded, they both

together were apprehended, and by the Authority of Magistracy presently sent unto *Newgate*, unto whom thither an industrious, judicious, and discreet Gentleman Master *Long*, a Commissioner of the Peace, in the County of *Middlesex*, frequently resorted, and tooke there their severall Examinations so carefully, punctually, and truely, that both the Malefactors out of their owne mouthes, against themselves confessed the same, totally iust: I touch here but briefly upon them; for I intended not at all omention much of their confessions, for feare my brevity should wrong, or intrench upon his prudent discussion and politicke insinuations into them, by which forcibly he discovered all their Villanies, and made the truth apparant.

There was a great Rumour spread, that this *Sherwood* had slaine divers persons else, besides Mr. *Claxton*, and Mr. *Holt*, as the woman at *Lambeth*, that was slaine in her house the last Winter, a Child also; for which two were executed, all these are but flying Tales. To give therefore the *World* satisfaction, I have here set downe his free and voluntary confession of such persons he slew, which he confirmed at his Death: besides many great Robberies he was guilty of, whereof master *Long* hath his free confession.

The day of his conviction, I heard it in the *Sessions yard* reported, that *Sherwood* had slaine a Gentleman master *Michael Low*, whose Father was sometimes *Lord Maior* of *London*, and himselfe of late collated into the place of Secondary in the Counter of *Woodstreete*.

I was entreated by master *Lowes* friends to be instant with *Sherwood*, to discover if he could, the person

ſon that robbed and wounded him. His Anſwer concerning that unto me, was thus; that he knew the parties that did it, and if I would at Night repaire unto to him, he would really make them knowne unto me.

Hereupon I addreſſed my ſelfe unto maſter *Long*, and acquainted him what I had done, and that, as I ſuſpected by my diſcourſe with *Sherwood*, that hee could not be guiltleſſe of the Robbing of maſter *Low*. That very Evening although late, maſter *Long* went to *Sherwood* to *Newgate*, where, there as at his death, he ſayd, hee with *Elizabeth Evans* Robbed maſter *Lowe* of his Hat and Cloake by the Lady *Hattons* wall about *Michaelmas* Terme laſt: and further ſaid, hee thought that the wounds hee then gave him in his Head with this Inſtrument, or the like, was the cauſe of his death: which generally is ſo voted, becauſe he died within a quarter of a yeare with an Impoſtumation in his Head, the wound being cured, but inwardly rankl'd and feſtred. For money, he ſaid, hee tooke none at all from him, for that day a little before he had delivered up all his money unto his Servant.

Freely he confeſſed the muthering of Maſter *Rowland Holt* in *Clarkenwell* fields: The murthering of Maſter *Thomas Claxton* in *Grayes Inne* fields, and robbing and wounding of Maſter *Michael Lowe* by the Lady *Hattons* wall: Beſides, guilty of many Notorious Felonies and Robberies, committed in *Middleſex*, to a great number. Further, diſcovering many baſe perſons of his condition, and the diſperſed places of ſecret harbouring ſuch unprofitable obnoxious members unto a State and Common-wealth.

At

At the place of his Execution, and what he there said, the Relation.

THere was no profite at all in his life time to his Countrie, but in his Discoverie and Death, I hope some use, and good service unto the Countrie may redound. His associates, I hope, shall be banished, which he hath branded, and with them, their Receivers and Harbourers. His Death and hanging up now in chaines, an example to deterre others not so to offend, which I pray God give such a blessing to all the people. *Amen*

Being brought unto the place of his Death, *he there minded nothing else, but how to dye, desiring of the people that they would not presse him unto further confessions, to debarre his* Soule *of better meditations, but to rest satisfied with his confessions, which he had made unto Master* Long *and my selfe, and nothing else but truth conteined in them, confirmed by a serious asseveration proceeding then out of his mouth. This done hee turned himselfe towards the people, speaking unto them, and praying for them very hartily; withall admonishing all that did see him that day, to beware of* Whores, *for they were the worst Company in the* World, *wishing all to beware by his fall, and not to bee seduced, or blind-fold led, as hee was by such bewitching Creatures, to irrevocable ruine. In the* Posture *of his* Body, *hee expressed true* Humility, *for all the time of Prayer, he prayed kneeling. In his Prayers unto* God, *he expressed an unexpected fervency by these words, and short eiaculations unto* Heavens *mercy seat, sensibly feeling the heavy Burden of his*

his Sinnes, *moſt harnily implored, at the hands of* Almighty God, *his mercy and forgiveneſſe for them I will doe him this right, to expreſſe the Ardency of his* Soule, *when the word Mercy was uttered: this Ejaculation from his owne mouth proceeded, the hearing of the word* Mercy, *was ſweet and ſavory unto his ſorrowfull* Soule, *for in the great anguiſh of* Soule *he prayed, and onely relyed ſaying thus:* O Lord my ſinnes are ſo haynous, great and many, if thy Mercy helpe me not, what will become hereafter of my poore Soule. *To that I flye unto, and onely truſt thy mercy did ſave the whole World of ſinners, and Lord I hope my great ſins cannot exceed thy great mercies. After theſe ſpeeches hee returnes with Hearty requeſts unto* God *to forgive him his haynous ſinnes: Hee beſeeched all the People that were there preſent, all to forgive him, whom he had offended, and to ioyne with him in harty prayes unto the* Almighty *in his behalfe, to forgive him, and to receive his* Soule *to mercy.*

After theſe holy exerciſes accompliſhed, the firſt part of the 51. Pſalme *was ſung, and after that by his requeſt was ſung the* Lamentation of a ſinner. *That ended, I asked him if hee was willing to dye, to which hee made anſwere, moſt welcome death was unto him; for all the while he lived, his life was as a kinde of Hell unto him, and moſt uncomfortable. But his death he ioyfully embraced, and mortall life cheerfully did ſurrender up, and ſent his ſoule out of his Body flying, calling on the name of the Lord Ieſus to receive him. And all the people ſpeaking to God for him, likewiſe with their lowd voyces, and ſtrong acclamations,* Lord Jeſu *take mercy on him, ſweete* Jeſu *forgive his ſinnes, and ſave his* Soule.

Hereendeth the Narration of Thomas Sherwood, *who now hangeth in Chaines at Battle-bridge, neare Pancras Church.*

A briefe obſervation for all perſons, both in *Citty and Countrey, to know lewd tempting perſons lurking in the Streets and High-wayes, by theſe tokens following.*

FIrſt, if they be Cheaters, looke if they bee not Gentile-like cloathed: then if they intice you to play at Cards or Dice for a Pot of Beere, or Pint of Wine, beware of ſuch, and if by ſuch tricks you chance to be deluded, take notice of that houſe.

Secondly, if a Woman in the day time complements with you, and ſends after you, a meſſenger to ſay, that one would ſpeake with you, beware of ſuch.

Thirdly, take heed of ſuch as boldly ſtand at their doores to intice you, or ſay, ſome Friend is in their houſes that would ſpeake with you: that is a true token of ſome enſuing miſchiefe, to picke your pocket, and to bring you unto an Harlot.

Fourthly, if any Woman meete you late in the evening, to aske of you what time of the Night it is, then watch over your purſe and perſon, that your pocket be not pick't.

Fiftly, if a Woman come unto you alone, with inticing faire promiſes of Curtezan courteſies, to meete you in the Fields, or ſome other private remote places, remember the caſe of Mr. *Claxton*, and Mr. *Holt*.

Sixtly, remember the Suburbian places, where theſe abhominable Creatures attend their prey, by day and night.

This hath beene often confeſſed by theſe who haue uſed the ſame courſe, and dyed for ſome of theſe facts.

An

An intimation of ſuch places, in, and about the City of *London*, that *Harlots* watch their opportunities to ſurpriſe men, confeſſed by this Malefactor.

FIrſt, at *Weſt Smithfield* within the Railes, and *Duck-lane end*.

Second, and thirdly, by the Tavernes in *Smithfield*, and Cookes ſhops in Pye-corner, and Cloath-faire, a great harbor for ſuch.

Fourthly, by *Smithfield* Pond, and ſheepe-pens.

Fiftly, by the little conduit in *Cheapſide* in the evening

Sixtly, St. *Antholins* Church when the ſhops are ſhut up.

Seventh, and laſtly, remember *London-bridge*, over which you muſt neceſſarily travell into the Southerne parts: Beware you goe not by Night with a cloak-bag, but in your hand, nor behind you on horſbacke, leſt you be iuſtled againſt the wall by a cutpurſe in the habite of a Gentleman and ſo loſe it: Beware likewiſe of your Hat and Purſe in a fray ſtirred up purpoſely in the ſtreete, to allure people into concuſſions, in plaine to ſpeake, Pick-pockets deceite, and coſenage. In *Middl.* towards *Pancras Church*, in the fields: At *Cow-croſſe* towards the Butchers, at *Bloomesberry* in St. *Giles* in the fields, beware of ſuch like offenders; and ſo much of my advertiſment unto all paſſengers comming in, and going out of the Suburbs of the Citty of *London*.

Likewiſe at this Seſſions, there were executed for coyning of Six-pences, and Shillings, two *French-men* and an *Engliſh-man*, who were drawne and hanged for that fact of Treaſon; a iuſt reward for ſuch wicked perſons, that uſurpe the Kings Royall prerogative.

Now to the particular Narration of *Elizabeth Evans* the impious Fellow-mate of *Thomas Sherwood*.

Concerning her, I have very little matter offered to dilate; I found this Sherwood *and her so different in their severall confessions unto me, that I wonderfully admired, that two alwaies unseparable in such prosecutions of euill, should be so contradictory one unto each other. But I easily reconciled the doubt, in the particular observation in their two severall manners of dying.*

A Woman she was that died, for whose weake and timerous Sexe sake, something must bee allowed tollerable: Yet something I found in her worthy of note, at the time of her confession, a perfect hate, and exclamation against all Theeves, which caused her destruction. And furthermore in signe of such her detestation, of such unholy courses, proceeded from her mouth a most serious request unto all then present assembled; advising all poore simple women to marry an honest man, though but a Ragge-gatherer, rather then a lewd man or a Theefe, rendring the reason of such her earnest admonition, because an honest man may make an evill woman turne from her evill waies, but it was hard for an euill man, to make a wicked woman good; with divers other admonitions to the wonder of the standers by, considering what a life shee had lived in.

Concerning

Concerning what ſhee ſaid at the place of *Execution*.

ONe thing ſhee here expreſſed very remarkable, concerning her old Companion in Miſchiefe, *Thomas Shearwood*; who on Candlemas day laſt preſſed amongſt the Jurers, at the *Chriſtopher* Taverne in Turnmill Street *alias* Turnebull Street to view the dead Corps of Maſter *Rowland Holt*, by him murthered, *Sherwoods* Noſe immediatly guſhed out with ſuch iſſues of blood, that he feared thereby to be diſcovered, and returning unto her ſaid, I have ſuffered ſuch a thing this day about Maſter *Holt*, wee muſt of neceſſity, leave of this courſe of life.

I found her with the feares of Death very much perplexed and amazed, diſtractively caſting her eyes here, and there, at laſt ſhee eſpies the high Elmes neere which place Maſter *Claxton* was ſlaine, and fetcht a deepe ſigh and ſaid, would to God I had never ſeene that place. I found both *Shearwoods*, and her Confeſſion to agree both in the Murthering of Maſter *Holt*, Maſter *Claxton*, and Maſter *Low*, onely they differred, in the ſtriping of Maſter *Claxton*; for *Shearwood* in the receiving of the bleſſed Body and Blood of Jeſus Chriſt with her, then affirmed to her face, that ſhe helped him, for to take Maſter *Claxtons* cloathes off, ſhe there confidently, denyed the ſame, and confirmed at her Death, whereunto as alſo unto other baſe aſperſions on the dead, I give no credence, thus of her who died very penitent, and after her execution was conveied to Barber Surgions Hal for a *Skeleton* having her bones reſerved in a perfect forme of her body which is to beſeene, and now remaines in the aforeſaid Hall; of whom I hope, God did take mercy.

A generall Admonition.

DEare Countrey men, what I have heere done, is intended for a generall good, Cautionary for all.

1. Parents. 2. Children.
3. Maſters. 4. Servants.

1 Parents, caſt not off your Children, neither leave them to ſhift in the wilde world in their Youth, knowing how ſubiect Youth is unto temptation, and to be ſeduced in the times of neceſſitie, and extreame want.

2 Children, obey your earthly Parents: unto ſuch as obey, God hath promiſed his two-fold bleſſing: firſt, Life temporall: Secondly, Life eternall.

3 Maſters terreſtriall, be good to your earthly Servants, knowing yee have all one Maſter, which is *Chriſt* in Heaven, that ſhall one day judge you for the good and evill yee have done.

4 Servants, obey your earthly Maſters, and the Maſters authority is knowne by obedience to their Commandments: Whoſoever reſiſteth, receiveth the greatercondemnation.

One thing more I will commend unto you, the modeſty of a milke-woman, in finding him naked, covereth him with her approne.

CONCLUSION.

Thy God feare to offend,
To him doe dayly pray,
He will thee ſend an happy end,
And live with him for aye.

The

The Habeas corpus, or Remove of Country Tom into the Country.

Good Reader, to the precedent, give leave to adde these succeeding true Relations; Since the execution of the horrid and unheard of paire of Murderers, the Coy-duck, or divelliſh allurer to ſinne and confuſion, was diſſected, and her dryed Carkaſe or Sceleton of Bones and Griſtles is reſerv'd, in proportion to be ſeene in *Barber Surgeons Hall*.

As for the diſmall accompliſher of her damned plots, hee was hang'd in Chaines neere *Pancras* Church, being a iuſt reward for his vile attempts.

One thing of note I here ſpeake of; Two Gentlemen comming early in a Morning that way, were aſtoniſhed at a ſad obiect, committed by a company of villaines: Oh pitty! full running on to more miſchiefe, having ſuch a fearefull ſpectacle before their eyes as *Country Tom*, which ſhould rather have frighted and hindred them from doing this bold and inſolent act upon a Butcher comming that way, though late; who ſaid only thus, that it was no matter if all ſuch rogues were ſerv'd ſo, which words when theſe lurking villaines heard, preſently ſeized on him, and tooke his cloathes, and bound him naked to the Gibbet with a gagge in his mouth, bidding him watch the Coarſe: but as this poore man ſaid, he loſt no money; becauſe he had a little before beſtowed it other wayes; and thus he was hamper'd by a curſed crue, who lurked there-abouts for their prey.

But

But this was for the reason of his removes, for the adjoyning Inhabitants much damnified and annoyed by his hanging there, laboured and obtained the same. And indeed the chiefest cause, was the spoile and depopulating the growing fields there abouts, stript of all fences, and the grasse trodden downe, and made levell by the infinite confluence of all sexes from all parts, which caused the Farmer and those that tooke grounds, to petition to the King and Councell for redresse, who out of pitty and compassion, graciously granted the *Habeas corpus*, and remove of the said murdering Monster: which (to avoid confusion of Spectators) they performed in the Night, carrying the hated spectacle to the place assigned them, to the Ring-crosse beyond *Islington*: where those that are not yet satisfied, may see *Country Tom* got farther into the Countrey.

Thrice remov'd, first to *Graves Inne-fields*, next neere *Pancras*, last, to *Ring-crosse*, to paralell his base inhumane Murders in divers distinct places.

——— Nec enim lex justior ulla,
Quam necis artifices arte perire sua.

Sceletos, quasi cadaver assicatum, est ossium corporis humani invicem cohærentium universarum universa compactio.

FINIS.

MVSEVM BRITANNICVM